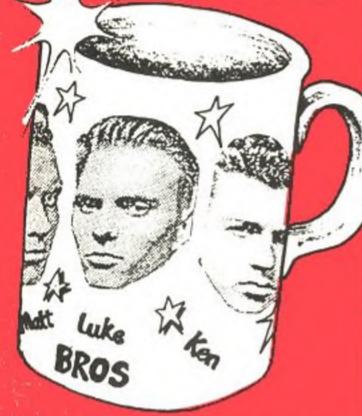
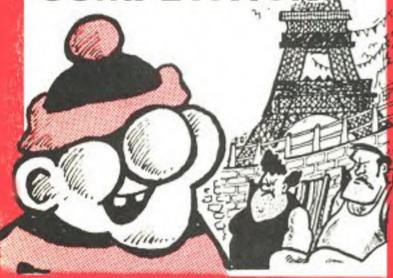


FREE INSIDE!



FAB BROS MUG

WIN A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL in Biffa's
FACE PUNCHING COMPETITION



Roger Mellie Johnny Fartpants Finbarr Saunders Postman Plod

BOX OFFICE Biffa Bacon Buster Gonad

PORNORAMAN Sid The Sexist



New mini series starts today

The ALAN
FREEMAN
Story



THE QUEEN IS
A BLOODY
CHEAT

- claims Fulchester man

THIS MAN WILL KILL A PUPPY EVERY HOUR, ON THE HOUR, UNTIL YOU BUY THE



HOLIDAY SPECIAL



Cut and send to: THE VIZ COMIC STOP KILLING THE PUPPIES APPEAL, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT.

Please stop killing the puppies. I have bought a copy of the Viz Comic Holiday Special and enclose my receipt as proof of purchase.

Signed _____

YOU CAN BUY THE VIZ COMIC HOLIDAY SPECIAL IN THE SHOPS FOR £3.95 OR BY MAIL ORDER DIRECT FROM US (SEE CENTRE PAGES)

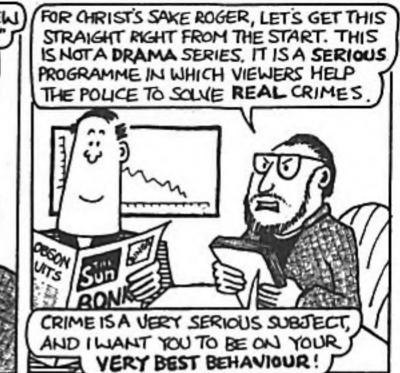
ROGER MELLIE THE MAN ON THE TELLY





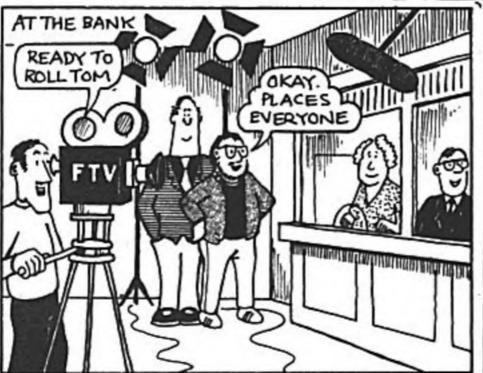
AS USUAL ROGER IS LATE FOR WORK





FIRST WE'RE GOING TO FULCHESTER HIGH STREET TO FILM A RECONSTRUCTION OFA BANK RAID WHICH TOOK PLACE LAST MONTH. HOPEFULLY OUR FILM WILL JOG THE MEMORY OF ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE WITNESSED THE CRIME















ROBBING THE BANK FOR, EH?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING I

ROGER. ITHINK YOU'VE MISSED THE POINT. BUT I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S ANY POINT IN ME EXPLAINING



AN HOUR, SO DON'T BE LATE

TWO HOURS LATER...

STILL NO SIGN OF ROGER. NEVER MIND.) WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MANAGE WITHOUT HIM - WE'RE ON AIR IN TWO MINUTES



SHORTLY ... 3-2-1 ... ON AIR! HELLO, GOOD EVENING ALL, AND WELCOME TO POLICEWATCH UK.



LATER ... AND FINALLY, FULCHESTER POLICE HAVE TODAY LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO PUT A STOP TO THE PROBLEM OF DRINK/DRIVING.

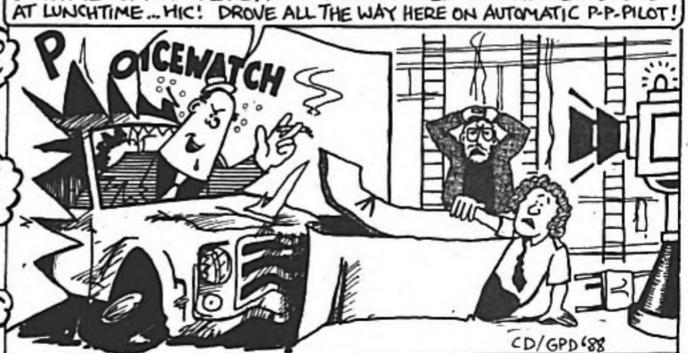


THIS YEAR ALONE THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN OVER 100 DRINK RELATED ROAD ACCIDENTS ON THE STREETS OF PULCHESTER

POLICE HOPE THAT THE NEW CAMPAIGN ENTITLED "WHATEVER YOU DO DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE IN FULCHESTER" WILL LEAD TO A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM, AND







FUCK ME TOM! AM I LATE AM 1? I S-S-STOPPED OFF FOR A FEW BEERS









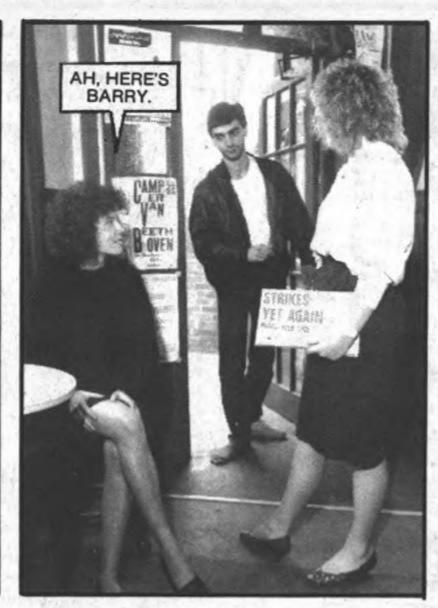














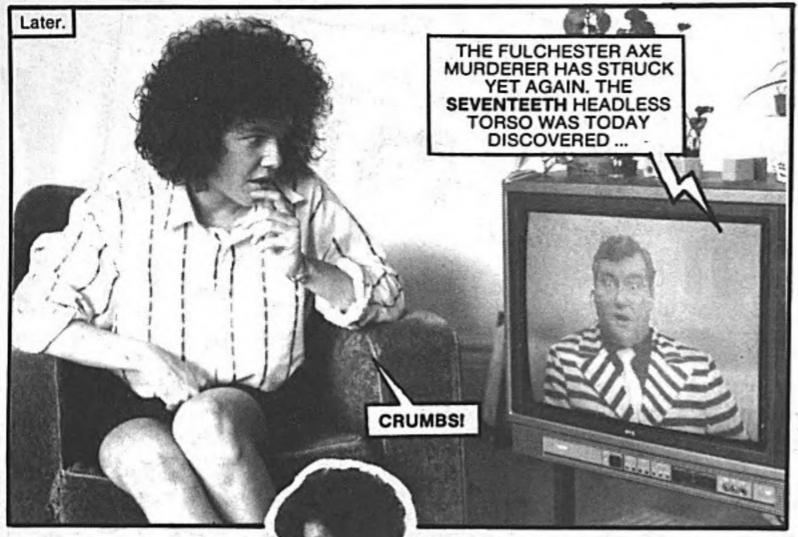














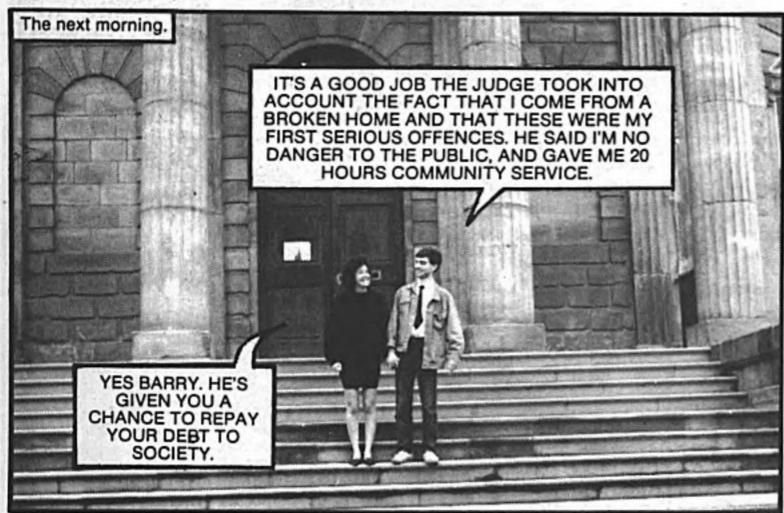














£75 billion a year down the toilet?

FOOD -DO WE REALLY NEED IT? Or is it just a waste

Food — we all eat it. Whether it's bacon for breakfast or lettuce for lunch. We all eat something.

It is estimated that in Britain this year alone we will spend over £75 billion on food. So imagine the savings that could be made if we simply gave it up. In a single year there would be enough money saved to build 37,000 hospitals, or to buy well over three million Variety Club 'Sunshine Coaches'. So just how important is food? Do we really need it, or is it just a waste of time?

Up till now scientists have always believed that we use food to keep us going, in much the same ways that a rocket uses fuel or a television set uses electricity. But now, as we head for the 21st century, the experts are beginning to think again.

ABORIGINE

Over the years we have all heard reports of perfectly healthy people who eat nothing at all. There was the Australian Aborigine who hadn't eaten for fifty years who recently celebrated his 140th birthday. Or the story from Peru about the young child who fell down a well in 1938 and emerged forty years later a fully grown man, despite having had no food at all. And closer to home it is said that pop star Cliff Richard remains young by fasting all year round.

Don't eat and live forever Say experts

These are the rumours, but what about the facts? Scientists need concrete evidence before they begin to burn the cookery books. So we decided to carry out an experiment of our own to see exactly how long the human body can survive without food.

PERSON B

We used two people in our experiment — person A and person B. We allowed person A to eat as much food as they wanted, but allowed person B no food at all. After 2 hours



Someone in a food shop. Will the shelves be empty in a few years time?

we asked them both to complete a crossword puzzle. Then, 2 hours later, we invited them to play Space Invaders. Halfan-hour later we had to stop the experiment when person B remembered he had to go to the bank and left in a hurry.

MEALS

So we decided to take our experiment onto the streets to see what you, the public, thought. Pub landlord Bob Taylor told us that he ate three meals a day. When we

asked him if he could do without food, he said "no".

PIE

Factory worker Eric Dunn had just purchased a steak & kidney pie at the bar. When we asked him whether he'd like to try and do without the pie he became abusive and we were forced to leave.

NEARBY

Later the manageress of a nearby bakers shop admitted that her business would suffer if people stopped buying food altogether. But she refused to comment any further, and then asked us to leave as there was a queue of customers building up behind us.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Nothing lasts forever — and food is certainly no exception. And whether we need it or not, we may find ourselves having to do without food sooner than we think.

BREAD

For experts predict that the Earth's food stocks will have started to run out by the turn of the century. And by the year 2200, supermarket shelves around the world will be completely empty. Food items that we all take for granted, like bread,

sausage rolls and frozen pizzas will be like gold dust to our grandchildren.

HAM

And as supplies run out, so the prices will soar. A tin of cooked ham costing 60p today could fetch a staggering £100,000 if it were auctioned in 75 years time. And as food becomes more expensive, so people will have to find alternative things to eat.

Scientists have already started looking for the foods

of the future. They believe that cork, rubber and card-board boxes could soon be part of our regular diet. In contrast, researchers in the USSR believe that by the year 3000 humans will be leading a strange worm-like existance, living underground and eating soil.

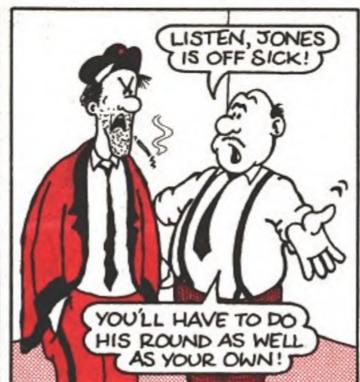
WORMS

We tried eating soil to see what life would be like in the year 3000. But we got diarrhoea.



Postman Plod Plod The Miserable Bastard

















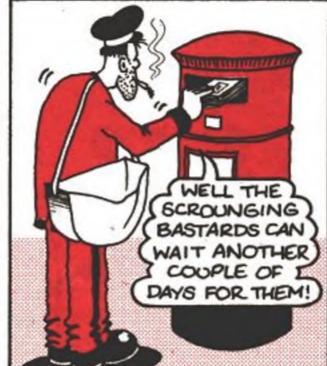










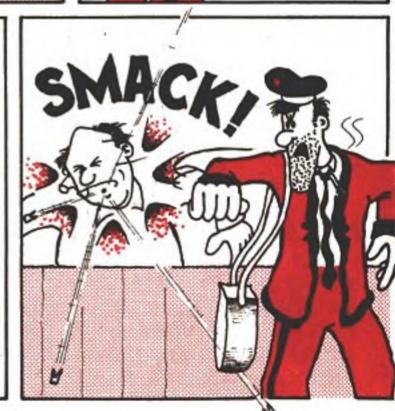




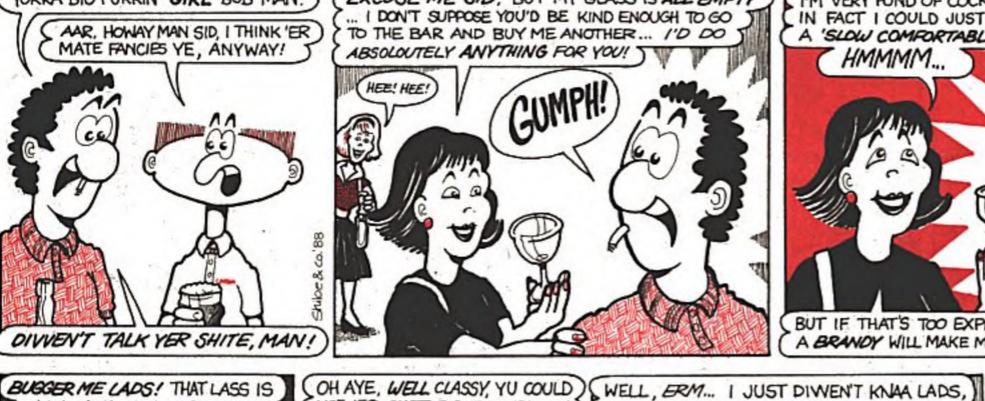






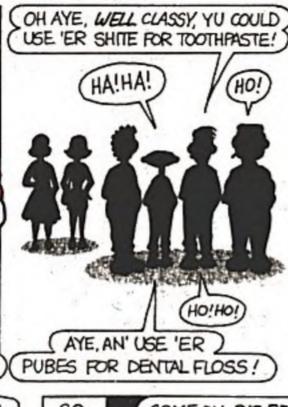












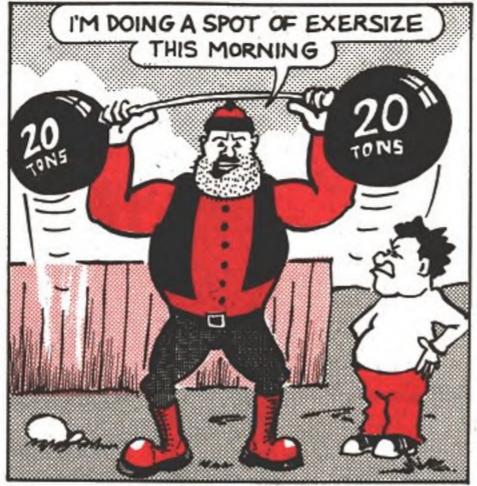


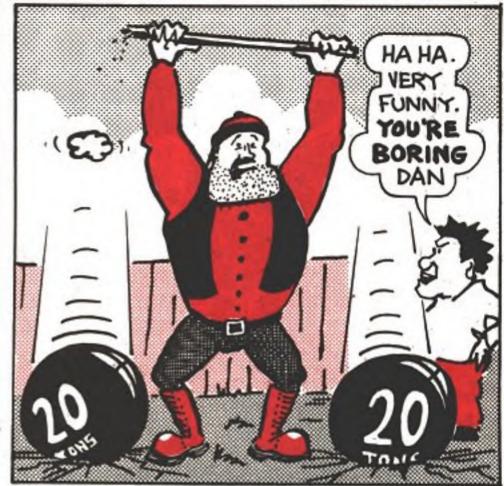


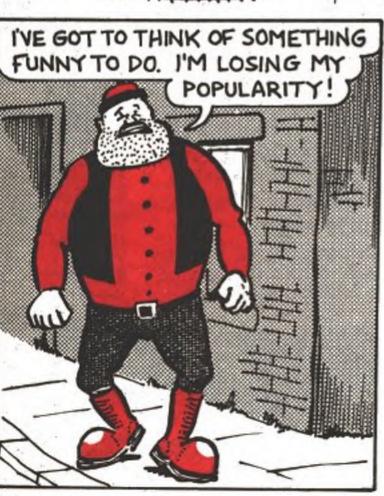






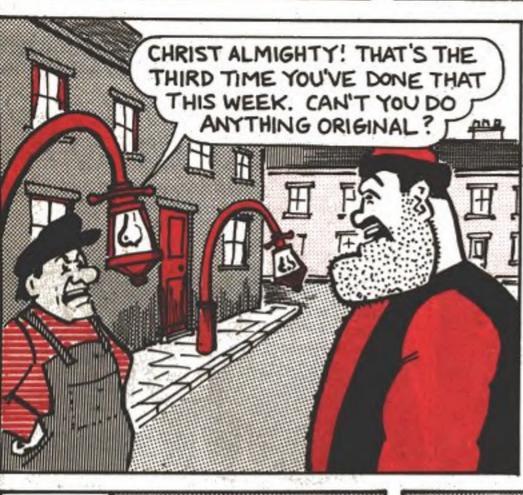










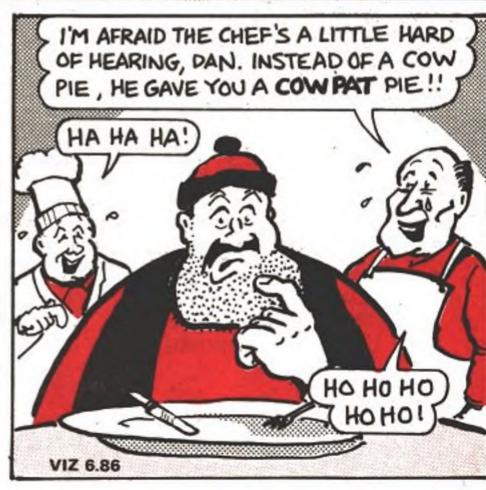








































WHO HAS THE LAST LAST LAST LAST LAST COMEDIANS

Nobody likes a laugh more than the British, and it's no wonder therefore that our comedians are the funniest in the world. TV funny men like Bob Monkhouse, Les Dennis and Jimmy Cricket have us falling about with laughter every time we turn on our televisions. Their friendly faces and beaming smiles fill our screens, bringing joy and laughter to a million living rooms.

But what are they like in real life? Are they the friendly, happy-go-lucky people we see on the screens, always smiling and telling jokes? Unfortunately, many are not, and the chances are that if you come face to face with a TV comedian, you wouldn't be laughing.

Nobody wants a fight — especially with their favourite TV comic. But if things did turn nasty, could you handle it? Use your imagination to answer the following questions a, b or c, then tot up your final score to see who'd have the last laugh — you or the TV comedian.



1. You are at a supermarket opening when somebody knocks celebrity guest **BRUCE FORSYTH's** wig off. Bruce is furious and punches the culprit. A fight breaks out.

What would you do? Would you:

a. Turn away and ignore the incident.

b. Watch eagerly to see what happens.

c. Jump in firmly and pull them apart, demanding that they both shake hands.

2. You are staying at a posh hotel. In the bar 'Blankety Blank' host LES DAWSON is staggering around drunk and singing Scottish football songs. He is waving an empty beer bottle in your face. What would you do? Would you:

a. Ignore him and leave.

b. Tell him to stop it or you'll call the police.

c. Knock him unconcious for his own safety then order him a pot of strong black coffee for when he wakes up.

3. You hear on a news bulletin that TV favourite JIMMY TARBUCK is wanted for armed robbery. The police have warned the public not to 'have a go'. Seconds later, Tarby bursts into your house armed with a shotgun and demands food and cash. What would you do? Would you:

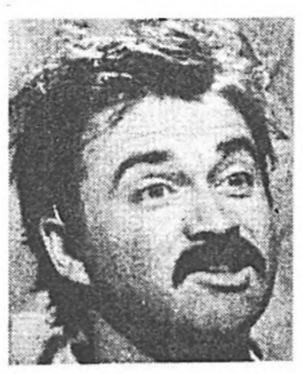
a. Make him a meal, give him your money and hope that he goes away.

b. Talk to him, tell him you're a big fan, and try to



get him to give himself up to police.

c. Throw a cup of hot tea in his face, disarm him, wrestle him to the floor and tie him up until the police arrive.



4. You are in the pub drinking quietly when zany TV kebab salesman 'Stavros' approaches you and says, "I'm-a-not-like-your-bladdy-haircut, peeps. Is a puffs haircut, innit, you bladdy bast!" How would you react? Would you:

a. Go and have your hair restyled immediately.

 Tell him to calm down, and offer to buy him a drink.
 Take him into the car park and give him a fucking good kicking. 5. You're at a disco on Saturday night when you catch much-loved knockabout comedian NORMAN WISDOM looking at your girlfriend. What would you do?

a. Ignore him completely, and ask your girlfriend out for a dance.

b. Smile and introduce yourself, then ask him to trip and fall over while shouting "Mr Grimsdale".

c. Knock his cap off and punch him in the face.

6. You have been drinking heavily all day. Suddenly it occurs to you that loveable comedy straight man SID LITTLE may have been seeing your ex-girlfriend. What would your reaction be? Would you:

a. Dismiss the idea. You're probably wrong.

b. Admit to yourself she's a free woman, and bear no grudges against Sid.

c. Continue drinking until the pub closes, then go round to his house with a few mates and make bloody sure he doesn't do it again.

HOW DID YOU DO?

Award yourself 1 point for each question you answered 'a', 2 points for a 'b', and 3 points for each 'c'.

15 or less

Not a very good score. You may find them funny on screen, but off screen you'd better steer clear of the TV comedians. You're out of your depth.

UGH?



- 7. It's 11.30 on Friday night and well spoken ventriloquist RAY ALLEN and Lord Charles are talking loudly in the queue at your local chip shop. How would you react? Would you:
 - a. Order your chips and ignore them.
 - b. Congratulate them on their latest show, and wish them well in their summer season.
 - c. Knock their chips out of their hands and kick them repeatedly until the police arrive.
- 8. Finally, you are enjoying a wonderful holiday in Skegness. During a game of Crazy Golf on the seafront you realise that top international comedy star **BOB HOPE** is in front of you, and is having difficulty getting his ball through the windmill. A queue is building up behind him. Would you:
 - a. Wait patiently, chatting with friends about Bob's many hilarious films.
 - b. Play through, moving straight on to the next hole. c. Trip him up with your putter and shove him into the flower bed.

16 to 20

You're no softy, and no doubt you can handle yourself if things get rough. But stick to light-weight comedians or game show hosts. Heavyweight comics like Bernard Manning could be more than you can handle.

21 or more

The comedians may tell all the jokes, but if the fists start to fly, it'll be you who has the last laugh. You need fear no comedian. Indeed, if you're in the audience, it's the comedian who'll have to be on his guard.

"THE QUEEN IS A BLOODY CHEAT!"

Fair's fair says Ted. I only want what's mine

A 32 year old father of three has rocked Buckingham Palace by claiming that his 8 year old son lan is the rightful owner of the Crown Jewels!

Ted Henderson claims that his son traded a teddy bear for the jewels in a schoolyard swap with Prince Harry. And he claims that the Royal Family went back on the deal.

"My lad came home with all these jewels, and I was as surprised as anyone when he told me how he'd got them. But it was Prince Harry's idea in the first place, so I thought that was fair enough".

EMBARRASSED

"But that evening we sat down to watch the telly when there was a knock at the door. It was the Queen. She was a bit embarrassed and she said she'd come to get the Crown Jewels. The she handed Ian back his teddy bear. The lad was in tears".

JEWELS

Ted believes that despite being the Queen, she still had no right to take back the jewels. "It had been a fair swap. She had absolutely no right to take the stuff back. As far as I'm concerned it's still ours. I've been onto the police and I'm just waiting to see what they're going to do about it".



Ted pictured with the teddy

As well as contacting the police, Mr Henderson is also writing to his local MP. "I don't want to cause any trouble — I just want what's ours", he told us. And he insists that he won't let the matter drop until the Crown Jewels are returned to his son.

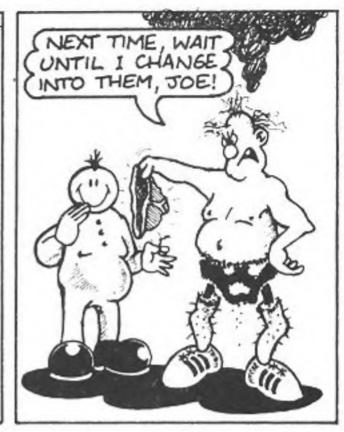
MARBLES

Coincidentally there has been a legal precedent to this case, also involving Mr Henderson. In 1983 it was claimed that his eldest son Kevin swapped six marbles with Paul McCartney's daughter in return for the publishing rights to all the ex-Beatles's songs.

Professor Piehead







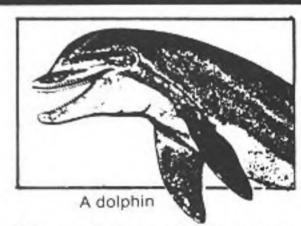
Wacko Shako!

According to rumours circulating in the music business, eccentric pop millionaire Shakin' Stevens has shocked close friends by leaving £1,750,000 in his will — to his pet duck 'Quacker'.

HAMSTERS

Shaky's string of million selling hits are known to have made him one of the ten richest men in the world. And as well as a duck, Shaky is believed to have several hamsters by Terry Twatt

On a recent world tour, pop's 'Mr Fruitcake' insisted on taking most of his pets with him! Hotel bills came to more than £12 million, which included the cost of dismantling one luxury hotel and re-building it on a beach twenty miles away so that Shaky could go for an early morning dip with his friendly dolphin, Harvey.



Stevens is known to sleep in a greenhouse. For he believes that fumes from a tomato plant will keep him looking eternally young.

Another fantastic Viz competition!

SHAGAWANPIRE

Have you ever wondered what it's like to have sex with a vampire? To see a tall, dark haired Transylvanian standing at the foot of your bed, his fangs glistening in the moonlight. Or awake to find a scantily clad, large breasted virgin turning into a bat on your window sill.

Well, now's your chance to find out and win a bottle of Dracula's favourite tipple into the bargain. Because we've been given a dozen bottles of brand new VAMPIRE WINE - and we're giving one away to the winner of this competition. It's the taste of Transylvania and it comes complete with its own coffin shaped black cardboard box. And here's how to win it ...

SEX

Go to your local pub, disco or nightclub, find a vampire and have sex with it. Then, take a photograph of the vampire's reflection in a mirror and send it to us together with your name and address. (Sorry, but your photographs cannot be returned). Then, complete the



following sentence in not more than 20 words. "I think that new Vampire Wine is good, but more to the point, I think that having sex with a vampire is great because ..."

and win a bottle of plonk



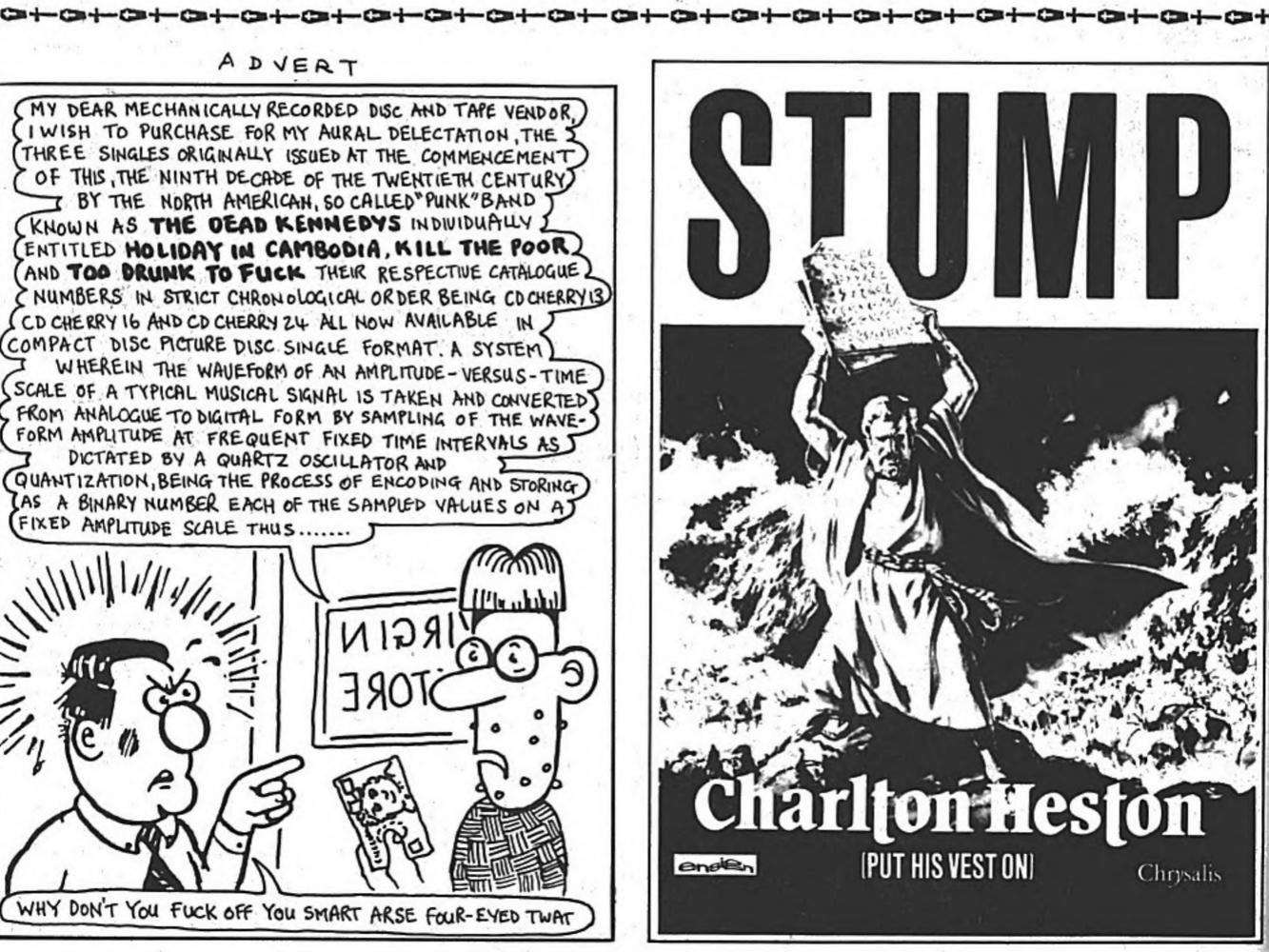
Here are six pointers to help you spot your local vampires.

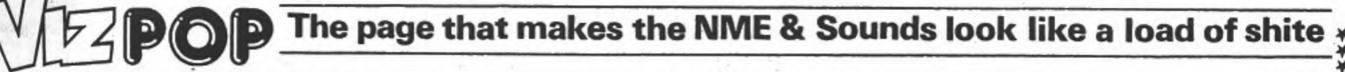
- 1. They tend to stay indoors during the daytime, as they often turn to smoking ash in direct sunlight.
- 2. When eating out, they will always steer clear of garlic dishes.
- 3. They tend to wear black clothing.
- 4. They never go to church and sometimes turn into bats.
- 5. They sleep in coffins.
- 6. They come out at night, tending to suck your blood and kill virgins.

Send your completed entries to 'I had sex with a vampire, honest' competition, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, **NE99 1PT**

ADVERT

(MY DEAR MECHANICALLY RECORDED DISC AND TAPE VENDOR.) I WISH TO PURCHASE FOR MY AURAL DELECTATION, THE X THREE SINGLES ORIGINALLY ISSUED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS, THE NINTH DECADE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY) I BY THE NORTH AMERICAN, SO CALLED "PUNK"BAND KNOWN AS THE DEAD KENNEDYS INDIVIDUALLY & ENTITLED HOLIDAY IN CAMBODIA, KILL THE POOR AND TOO DRUNK TO FUCK THEIR RESPECTIVE CATALOGUE NUMBERS IN STRICT CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER BEING COCHERRY 13 CD CHERRY 16 AND CD CHERRY 24 ALL NOW AVAILABLE IN COMPACT DISC PICTURE DISC SINGLE FORMAT. A SYSTEM) WHEREIN THE WAVEFORM OF AN AMPLITUDE - VERSUS - TIME SCALE OF A TYPICAL MUSICAL SIGNAL IS TAKEN AND CONVERTED FROM ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL FORM BY SAMPLING OF THE WAVE-FORM AMPLITUDE AT FREQUENT FIXED TIME INTERVALS AS J DICTATED BY A QUARTZ OSCILLATOR AND QUANTIZATION, BEING THE PROCESS OF ENCODING AND STORING) LAS A BINARY NUMBER EACH OF THE SAMPLED VALUES ON AT FIXED AMPLITUDE SCALE THUS Physical D RGI N WHY DON'T YOU FUCK OFF YOU SMART ARSE FOUR-EYED TWAT





CHEERS!

STUMP UP THE BITTER

Drinks are on Stump

as Stump stump

up for the bitter



STUMP are the best band in Britain. And their single, 'Charlton Heston' is the best record we've heard in over ten years!

It's not often we heap such lavish praise on a group we've never even seen or heard, but then it isn't often that a group send us £50's worth of Victoria Wine booze vouchers. Yes, £50 was the price of success for STUMP who are left sitting pretty at No. 1 in this issue's chart.

And that fifty pounds didn't only buy them chart success. We were so impressed that we agreed to run a STUMP COMPETITION.

WIN SOME VESTS

The band sent us ten vests bearing the slogan "Thou shalt not bonk thy neighbour's wife", and as we don't want them, we're giving them away to the first person who correctly answers this STUMP question.

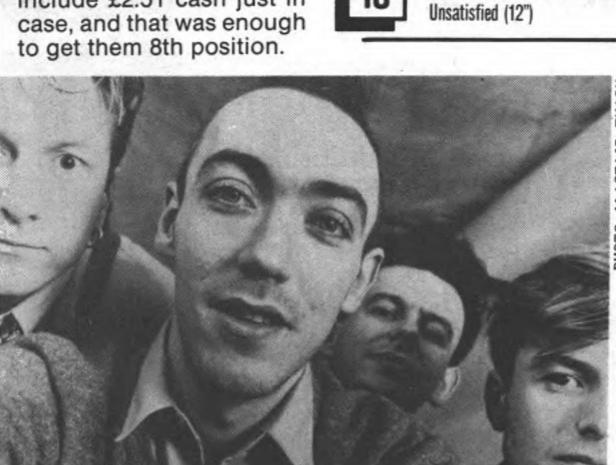
In which popular English summer sport does a 'batsman' use a wooden bat to defend his 'stumps' against a hard leather ball thrown or 'bowled' by the opposing team?

Send your answer, on a postcard, to Stump Cricket Competition, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. The first correct answer we receive will be the winner.



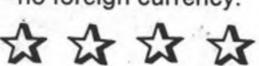
Have you ever heard of a band called CRITICAL MASS? We have. In fact they're our second favourite band at the moment, because they sent us £18.88. Based in Bristol, they recently released their second EP 'In Deepest Rebound' on their own Divided Kingdom label. They've already started work on their third EP, and plan to play some dates around the UK in the near future. See music press for details.

Elsewhere in the chart, REV **REVOLUTION** secured 5th place with a large bottle of whisky, delivered to our London office by a motorcycle despatch rider. SAGALA BULLADA thought we'd be impressed by their gift - two Rolf Harris singles. But we weren't. Luckily they thought to include £2.51 cash just in to get them 8th position.



STUMP - Big spenders in at No. 1

their single 'Day-Glo Pussycat'. But it didn't. If you're thinking of sending in a chart entry, remember no foreign currency.

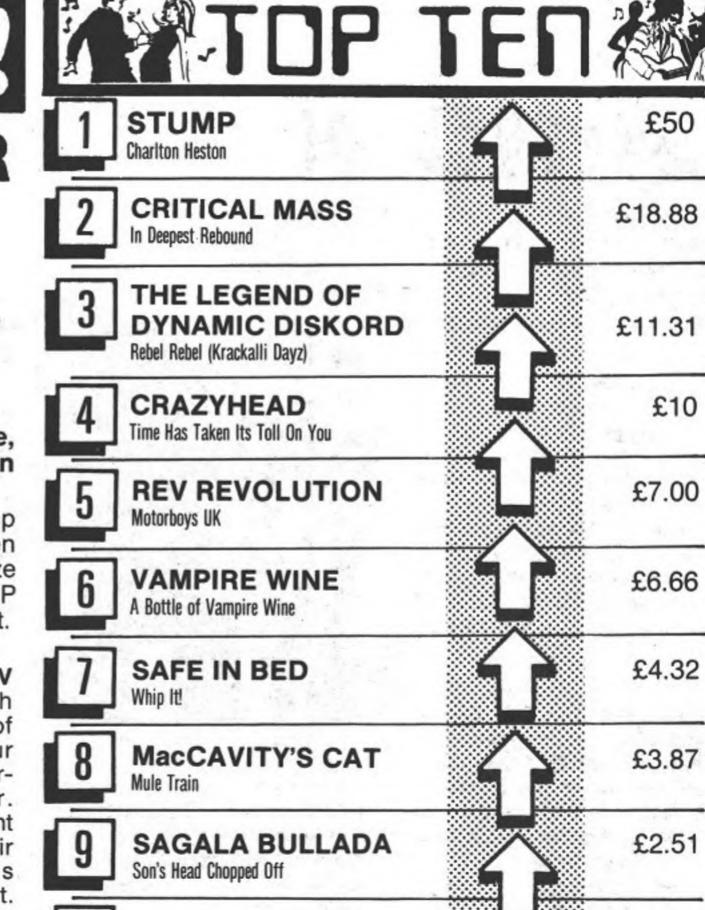


ANDREW BERRY

Hard-up band VEE V V from Manchester did without for a week after sending us their DHSS milk tokens. They needn't have bothered. Nice gesture though it was, milk buys nothing in the Viz Top Ten.

Do you want a record in our chart? Could you do better than STUMP? Just think. For less than the price of a small electric guitar your single could be a number one hit! Every penny sent to the Viz Top Ten is money well spent. So send some today to the Viz Top' Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Cash or gift vouchers only please. Valuable gifts will also be accepted, but please - no rubbish.

£1.50





CRAZYHEAD — at No. 4

re's no room for them in the chart. 公公公公

DRUG FREE AMERICA

thought ten dollars would

buy a chart position for

THE BUBBLEMEN released their first single, 'The Bubblemen Are Coming', in June. They sent us a copy, together with a photo of the band. But they forgot one important thing — the money. Consequently, the-

B) SIGN & HIS UNFEASIBLY LAIR GES TEST CLS

DURING AN ELECTRICAL STORM BUSTER GONAD WAS STRUCK IN THE TESTICLES BY A METEORITE WHICH EMITTED STRANGE COSMIC RAYS HIS TESTICLES GREW TO TITANIC PROPORTIONS AND AS HE SOON FOUND OUT, WITH GONADS AS BIG AS SOME--THING QUITE LARGE, ADVENTURE WAS NEVER VERY FAR AWAY, ETC.



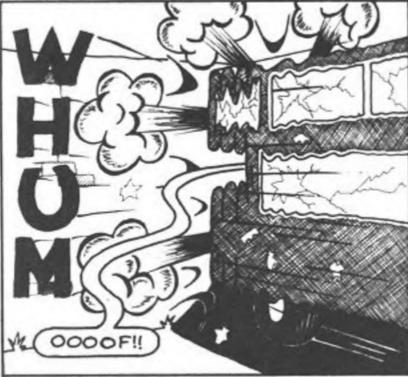
















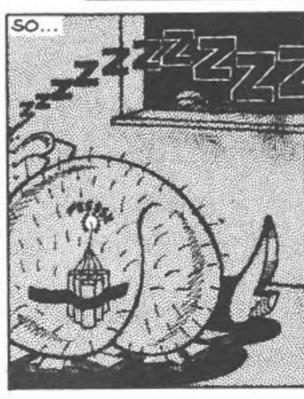
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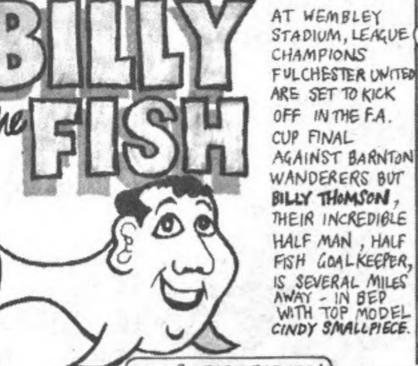
















































WHAT CAN HAVE GOT INTO THE FULL-BOSOMED REDSKIN WINGER?

WILL HER STRANGE BEHAVIOUR COST UNITED THE CUP?

OR WILL THE FULCHESTER MAN/PISH NUMBER ONE SHIRT SAVE THE DAY?

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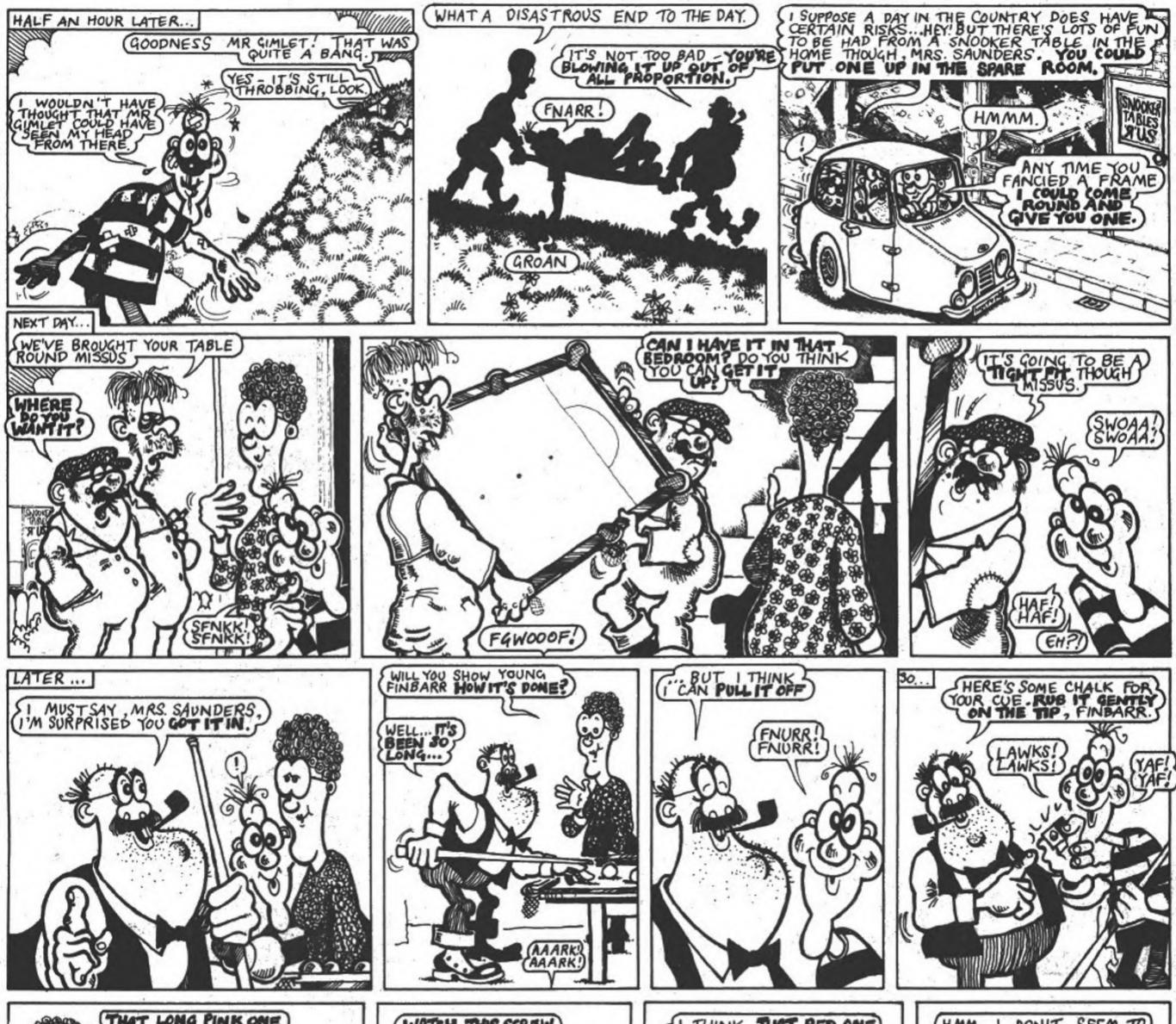




























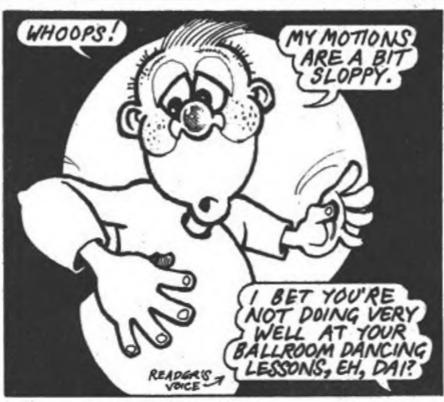
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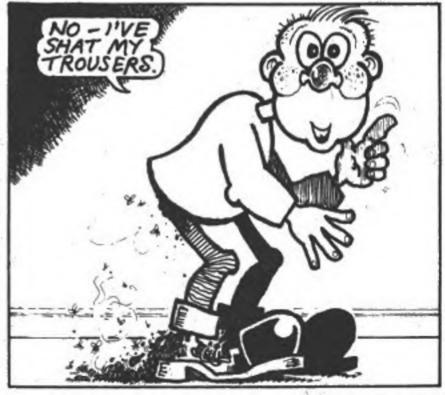






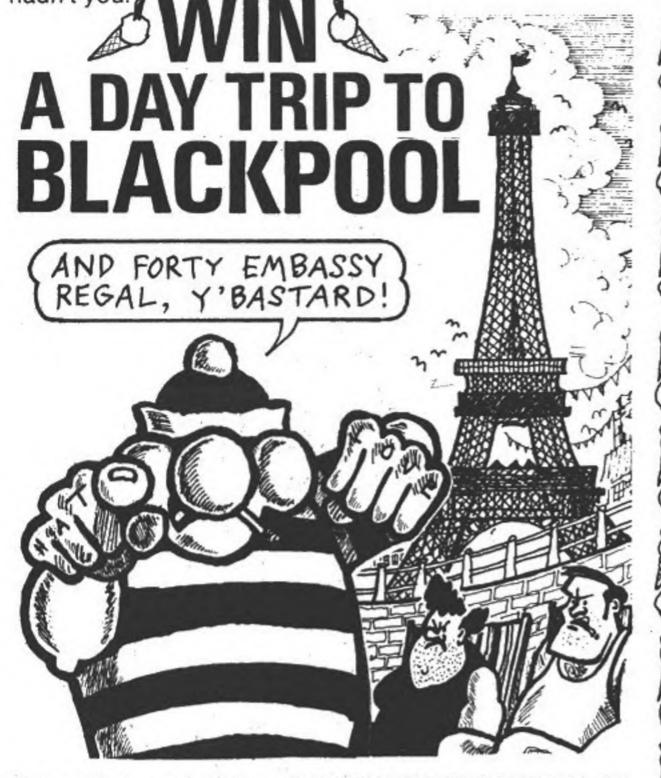






Here's a terrifc Biffa Bacon competition for readers of our Holiday Special! And if you haven't bought your copy of the Holiday Special book yet, you'd better buy one now, hadn't you.

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We're offering a fabulous DAY TRIP TO BLACKPOOL for two, plus forty cigarettes to the lucky winner, and there's Biffa Bacon T shirts plus a stick of holiday rock to 6 lucky runners up! And all you have to do to win one of these wonderful prizes is answer two simple questions.

In the Viz Holiday Special, Biffa Bacon and his family go to Blackpool for a holiday and have all sorts of face punching fun along the way.

- How many teeth do Biffa, Mutha and Fatha Bacon loose between them on their trip to Blackpool?
- 2. In the Holiday Special book, how many people does Biffa punch altogether.

Send your answers on a postcard to the following address, to arrive no later than August 31st: Biffa Competition, Viz Comic, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. In the event of a tie, the winning card will be drawn from a hat. The winner will receive two return train tickets to Blackpool from their nearest railway station (in the UK only) and forty Embassy Regal cigarettes. Six runners up will each receive a Biffa Bacon T shirt (state your size) and a very small stick of seaside rock. Judges decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

Bros twins snub for former pal

WE OWE YOU NOTHING!

A former friend of BROS pop sensations Matt and Luke Goss yeaterday claimed that the chart topping twins have cruelly SNUBBED him since their astonishing rise to fame and fortune.

"I was like a brother to them till they had their first hit record", he told us. "But now they won't even talk to me".

Today Arthur Hopkins, 44, lives in a council flat on £27 a week social security payments, while the Goss twins live in luxury, raking in the profits of their million selling hit records. But despite the group's success, Arthur insists he is not bitter. "All the best to them, that's what I say", a brave Arthur told us, "I just wish they'd remember who their real friends are".

STARS

Arthur first met the twins when they were at school together. "We were all in the same class", he told us. "The three of us were inseperable. We used to spend all our lessons just sitting and dreaming of what it would be like to be pop stars".

"We all agreed that when we grew up we'd stick together, no matter what happened. But all that changed the day they signed their record contract".

BUSY

"I went round to see them as usual, but their mother told me they weren't in. So I went home to watch telly, and suddenly there they were, on Top Of The Pops. I couldn't believe it! I rang them the next day but their mum said they were busy and they couldn't talk to me".

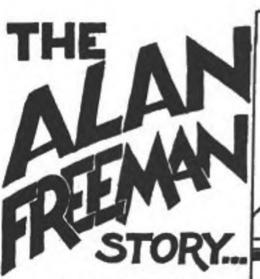
You owe me £10,000' says Arthur

"A few days later I decided to go round and get back the £10,000 I'd lent to Luke a couple of weeks before. We were good friends and we often used to lend each other money. But when I got to the door he said he'd never met me before and that he didn't owe me a penny. I was speechless. I didn't know what to say".

"I don't care so much about the money. That's not important to me. It was the fact that they completely ignored me. That's what hurt the most".

MEMORY

A spokesman for Bros told us that Matt and Luke had never heard of Arthur Hopkins, and that Luke Goss had no recollection of borrowing £10,000 from anyone of that description. Later Mr Hopkins admitted that his memory may have let him down, and that it was probably Wet Wet Wet whom he had gone to school with.



ALAN WAS BORN IN AUSTRALIA AT THE AGE OF FIVE. HE WASN'T INTERESTED IN ANY LESSONS AT SCHOOL.



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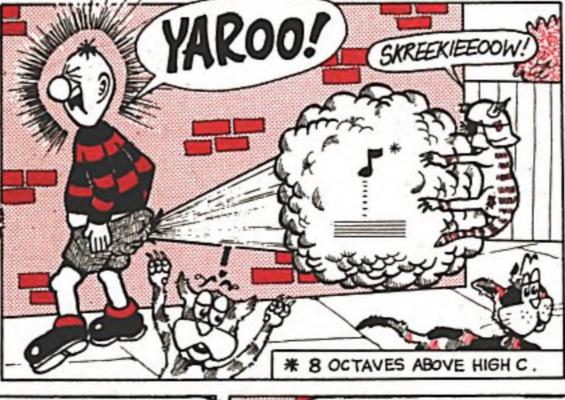


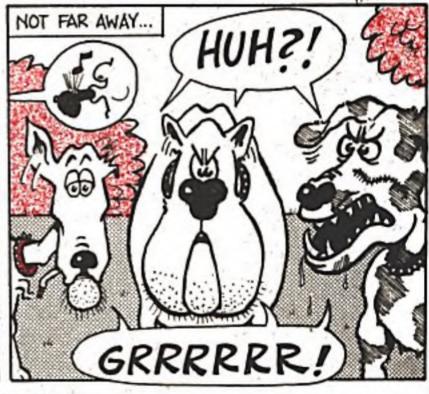












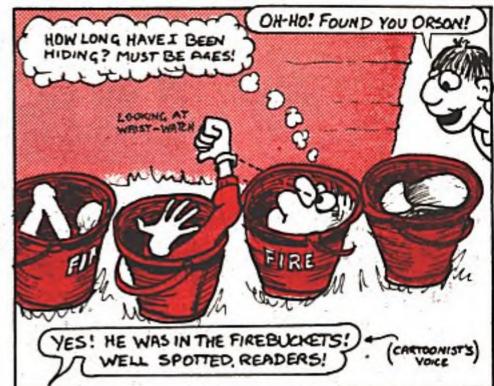








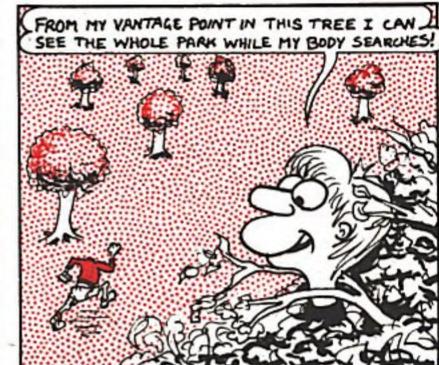




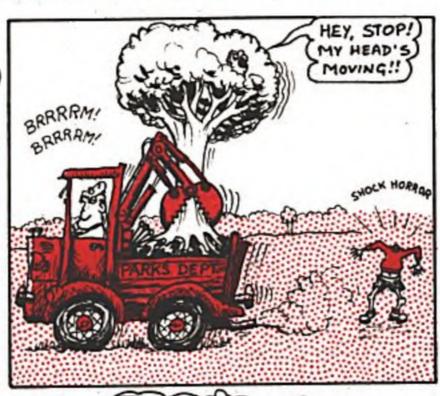


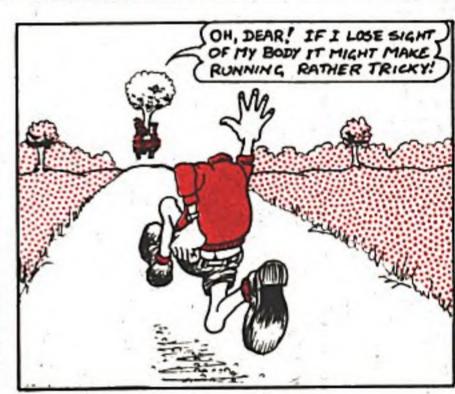


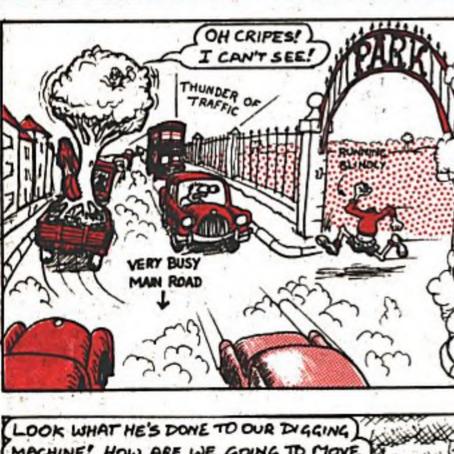






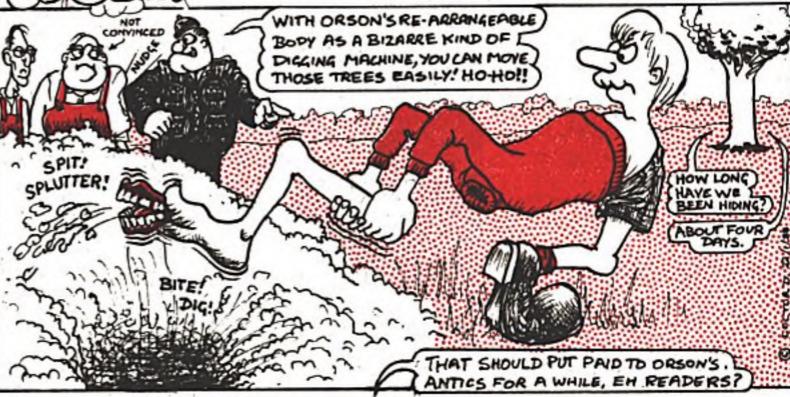
















While at work the other day I received a call from my wife to say that our children had been involved in an accident and were both seriously ill in hospital. But when I arrived at the hospital minutes later there was no sign of them. Then I realised it was April 1st — April Fool's Day!

I got my revenge shortly afterwards. I rang my wife at her office to tell her that our house was on fire. Needless to say she ignored me. Imagine her surprise on returning home later that evening to find our house completely burnt to the ground!

> A. Walters Reading

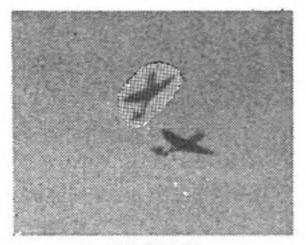
First service

Why don't they play the tennis final on the first day of the Wimbledon fortnight instead of waiting till the end when the courts are all worn and bumpy? It's ridiculous expecting top class players, who are under paid to begin with, to perform on less than perfect playing surfaces.

Laurie Penfold Sheffield

Often when I go out in the evenings friends advise me to leave a light on in case of burglars. What nonsense. I'm sure that any burglar capable of breaking into my home would be well able to switch the light on for himself without any assistance from me.

H. Stevenage Northumberland



A NEAR MISS

We hear a lot on our television these days about so-called 'near misses' involving aeroplanes. But we rarely hear about similar incidents involving other forms of transport.

Just this morning on my way to work the train on which I was travelling narrowly missed colliding with over a dozen trains travelling in the opposite direction. I certainly hope that these and similar incidents are being reported to the appropriate authorities.

'Scared' Wokingham

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Who says glass doesn't break? Just the other day while I was working in my greenhouse a football came crashing through the roof and landed in my tomatoes. When oh when will these so-called scientists get it right?

Jack Wilson Potters Bar

As a senior citizen, 88 years young and not a day in hospital, I'm often asked by my grandchildren what the secret of a long, healthy life is. However, as it's a secret I refuse to tell them.

> Mrs P. J. Gooland London N4

Jumbo sized problem

I'm sick and tired of hearing do-gooders complain about elephant hunting. According to them it should be banned, or elephants will become extinct. That's easy enough for them to say, but what about the poor Africans? I'm sure the 'do-gooders' wouldn't be making such a big fuss if it was their back gardens that the elephants were wandering around in, trampling on their flower beds and making a mess on the lawn.

> Mrs I. Carter Hampshire

I suspect my neighbour is one of these 'homesexuals', and as there are several children in the neighbourhood I am thinking of calling the police. I would advise all other readers to do the same.

> Mrs B. Wagstaff Harrogate

*Do you suspect your neighbour of anything? Perhaps his eyes are too close together or his eyebrows meet in the middle. Why not write and tell us all about your suspicious neighbour? Write to 'Neighbour Watch', Letterbox, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Remember to mark your envelope 'I think there's something peculiar about my next door neighbour'.

Everyone's Favourite dish~ my arse!

'Fish — Everyone's Favourite Dish', or so the television advertisers tell us. What a load of rubbish. My favourite is Roast Lamb. And a friend of mine, who is a vegetarian, prefers peanut mince.

You'd think that these people would do their research properly before spending millions of pounds on these television campaigns.

> J. Burke Sunderland

The other day whilst shopping for a kettle I saw a British model for about £20. However, I was told by a shop assistant that foreign kettles, particularly those from the far east, were a lot cheaper to buy.

Taking her advice I purchased a kettle from Taiwan. Admittedly it cost less than £20, but once my air fares and other travel expenses had been taken into account the total cost was well in excess of £900. Hardly a great saving by any standards.

> M. Burley Hemel Hemstead

MAKE your car easier to find in a large car park by letting down all the tyres. On your return, simply look out for the lowest car. Bill Norman Cardiff

USED tea bags held together with an elastic band make an ideal pair of low cost swimming goggles. H. Hill Battersea

TO AVOID losing keys, whenever you put them down ring a friend and tell them exactly where you've put them. Later, if you can't find them, ring your friend and ask them where they are. Peter Evans

SAVE TIME in the kitchen when making a cup of tea by

Bristol



David Addison

When travelling on trains I believe fat people should pay extra. After all, they take up more room. And I think that they should be made to travel in the guards van.

P. Williams Kent

Too cheap by half

I must say, at only 60p Viz seems remarkably cheap. I wonder whether this is some kind of mistake, and that the real price should in fact be higher?

I. Jones Workington

I agree with Mr. Jones

I agree with Mr Jones of Workington. Viz is under priced. Surely £5 would be more realistic. It's a nice round figure, and it would mean far less fussing around with change.

Mary Smith Dudley

Why oh why does Viz only cost 60p? The New Scientist costs £1.20, and it isn't even funny.

B. Kendal Cumbria I have been a regular Viz reader for over 2 years now. I am unemployed, and I have a wife and three children to support. Yet despite my hardship, I still firmly believe that the comic should go up in price.

I don't know where I'd get the extra money from, but I'd manage somehow. I could borrow it from relatives, or go to one of these loan companies that you see advertised in the newspapers.

Kevin Cummins Swansea

*Good news Kevin. From our next issue (October), Viz will cost 90p and will increase in size to 48 pages.

Congratulations on your forthcoming price rise. In 1986 I was paying 60p for a 32 page comic. From now on, 90p for a 48 page comic represents exactly the same value for money. And as a Professor of Mathematics I know exactly what I'm talking about.

Prof. K. Muller University of Fulchester

Why not write to Letterbox with your funny story, prejudiced opinion or insteresting anecdote? Send us a letter today – we're waiting to hear from you. Write to 'Letterbox', Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT. We occasionally award prizes for the letters we use, but not necessarily to the people who sent them.



pre-heating the water in a saucepan before putting it in the kettle.

Susan Craven Leeds

REMOVE pocket fluff from boiled sweets by filing them gently with the edge of a matchbox.

> H. Osborne Colchester

MAKE your car look like a taxi (from a distance) by sellotaping an old cornflakes packet to the roof.

A. Gallagher Runcorn OLD UNWANTED telephone directorys make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names and addresses of all the people you do not know. Mrs K. Smith Bristol

TAKE a 'Thermos' flask to bed instead of a hot water bottle. The water stays hot much longer, and you can use it to make a cup of tea in the morning.

S.T.W. Bristol



Olympic sex disappointment

HEYKE BONKERS!

Crazy Koreans' barmy bonking ban

Olympic chiefs have imposed a strict ban on athletes arriving in Seoul for next month's Olympic Games. But it's not drugs, steriods or illegal sponsorship that they've clamped down on. For the ban is on BONKING!

It's strictly 'No sex please, we're South Korean' for the hundreds of athletes already arriving to compete in this year's games. And anyone caught bonking will be for the high jump!

FRUITY

For the prudish Olympic authorities fear that all manner of fruity frolics could break out when thousands of the world's healthiest men and women assemble for the competition. And in order to enforce the ban, hundreds of armed soldiers and police will patrol the Olympic Stadium and other venues during the games.

EVENTS

A spokesman confirmed that sex between competing athletes would not be allowed in or around the Olympic Stadium, particularly when events were taking place. And that includes the sandpits!



Daley Thompson - No nookie

"If athletes want to have sex, then it should take place in the privacy of their own living quarters at the Olympic village", he told us.

SAUCY

When we tried to speak to Steve Cram to gauge his reaction to the ban, we were unable to find his phone number in the book. "It's probably ex-directory", the operator later told us.



































